

November 6, 2024

To Rev Dr. Jacobs-Strain and the Executive Committee of the Board of General Ministries,

The Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies met from June 17-June 19, 2024 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The purpose of meeting in this location was to meet with leaders from the American Baptist Native American Ministries. While we met, ABHMS staff recorded oral histories from leaders and members of local churches. The Board had the opportunity to hear some of these stories, along with Rev. Ben T. Sullivan honored us by sharing several original Kiowa hymns, of which there are many.

ABHMS is developing a plan for a "Travel the Missionary Road" exhibit project that will be displayed in the Leadership and Mission Building. This exhibit will interactively share the history of American Baptist mission work in the United States and Puerto Rico. The Planning and Concept Phase is now complete, and they have now entered the Design Development Phase. The goal is to have the project completed by the end of 2025.

At the end of April, the Financial Office reported a combined net expense of \$542,886. Total operating expense was \$4.5M. America for Christ giving was \$293,658. Targeted giving was \$123,000, an increase of \$82,000 since the previous year.

It remains, as always, a privilege to serve as liaison between these two Boards.

In Christ,

Rev. Kathryn Ray
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